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PASS TO RICHARD J. BLOOMFIELD

FOLLOWING REPEAT QUITO 7860 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
GUAYAQUIL 18 NOVEMBER.

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SUBJ: RODRIGUEZ DECLARES ECUADOR WILL NOT RENEW RELATIONS WITH CUBA

REF: QUITO 7825

1. AS ANTICIPATED (REFTEL), GUAYAQUIL'S EL UNIVERSO OF NOVEMBER 16
FRONT PAGES STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ THAT ECUADOR,
IN VIEW OF MFM'S FAILURE TO VOTE END TO CUBAN SANCTIONS,
WILL NOT MOVE TO RESUME TIES WITH CUBA.

2. RODRIGUEZ WAS QUOTED AS DECLARING "I CAN TELL YOU
CATEGORICALLY THAT WE WILL NOT RENEW RELATIONS WITH THE
REPUBLIC OF CUBA. ANY MOVE TO CONSIDER THAT SITUATION
WAS SUBJECT TO LIFTING OF THE SANCTIONS. SINCE THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS OF AMERICA DID NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES AT THE CUBAN
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CROSSROADS, ECUADOR WILL HAVE TO AWAIT A NEW EXAMINATION

OF THE CONTINENT'S POLITICAL PROBLEM, AND OF THIS SPECIFIC THEME".

3. HE WAS FURTHER QUOTED AS REJECTING THE THESIS OF "SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTERS" THAT "IN QUITO THEY SIGNED THE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF THE OAS". HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD RECEIVED A SERIOUS BLOW, BUT CALLED FOR INTER-AMERICAN UNITY BECAUSE "TREATIES, SUCH AS THE TIAR, ARE TRANSFORMED BY TENSE SITUATIONS INTO AUTHENTIC REALITY, INTO FULL EFFECTIVENESS, INTO TANGIBLE INSTRUMENTS".

4. THE INTERVIEW WAS OSTENSIBLY GIVEN ON THE RUN DURING A GUAYAQUIL SOCIAL FUNCTION, BUT IT HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF A DELIBERATE AND "AUTHORIZED" STATEMENT. INTERESTINGLY, RODRIGUEZ SHOWED UP AT THE AFFAIR--A WEDDING RECEPTION FOR LABOR MINISTER LARREA'S DAUGHTER--IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE, ALONE AMONG HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES. WE DO NOT RECALL ANY PREVIOUS SUCH APPEARANCE AT A PUBLIC, OR AT LEAST PUBLICIZED, FUNCTION AND HIS NATTY TURNOUT WAS NOTED BY UNIVERSO.

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